

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of August 11, 2011

The meeting was called to Order by Board Chair Dennis Feeley at 6:30 P. M.

Roll Call: Dennis Feeley, Keith Lynn, Larry Tuttle, and Chief Bill Fuller were present. Rusty Riis and Dale Tenbroeck were absent.

Consent of Agenda: It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Larry Tuttle that the Agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 14, 2011 Board Meeting: It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Larry Tuttle that the minutes of the July 14, 2011 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Larry Tuttle that the Financial Report for July 12 through August 8, 2011 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: ECSO Report (Larry Tuttle): Larry Tuttle reported on the July 27 ECSO User Board Meeting.

A media viewer is being contemplated. This would allow the public to view information on fire and ems calls online through the ECSO web site. It would be based on one developed by Washington County and can be provided at no additional cost to ECSO or its users.

Requests for critical incident debriefing can be arranged by calling Dispatch.

Fire drills conducted by local businesses should be run through the alarm company so that the alarm company does not call in the alarm to ECSO.

Discussion about reporting smokes and outdoor fires as "being viewed from" as opposed to "at" a particular location. Calls being dispatched should be so distinguished by the dispatcher and if they're not, ECSO and the dispatcher need to be contacted promptly.

Smoke investigations are now considered as being outdoors, while investigations of smoke inside a residence or business will be handled with a structure fire response.

Nearly all agencies do not use the map page number provided by ECSO at the time of dispatch and this information will be eliminated.

Discussion about radio transmission difficulties in some areas; apparently this is getting worse on south county fire.

Discussion about protocols for switching frequencies at incidents; needed to ensure a call isn't switched to a frequency already in use for an alarm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Taxable income for Volunteers: Chief Fuller reviewed the status of volunteer reimbursement/income which was discussed at the July Board meeting. He has contacted LuAnn Ritchie at SDAO who reported that no legislation was pending regarding the taxing of Volunteer reimbursement/income and that the whole issue was "problematic." Kevin Parady stated that the safe course is to do withholding and W-2 forms or ask an attorney. Kevin also stated that most Fire Districts in Oregon are not doing withholding and W-2's, but that one of them has been targeted by the IRS. Chief Fuller mentioned that the District could avoid the whole issue by establishing a "company store" system whereby Volunteers can earn "credits" by attending training, making alarms and working shifts. These credits can be redeemed for fire related gear, etc. at the District store.

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 11, 2011 – Continued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annexation Request Approval (East Evans Creek Road): Chief Fuller discussed a recent incident where a resident out East Evans had thought they were in the Fire District but was not, in fact within District boundaries. This generated applications to annex seven properties into the Fire District. General Discussion with several citizens living in the 16000 to 18000 blocks of East Evans. Larry Tuttle moved to approve the inclusion of the 7 properties on East Evans Creek Road to the Fire District. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Wilson Heirgood Associates Insurance Review (Kevin Pardy): Kevin Pardy reviewed the Fire District's insurance policy and coverage's as well as the longevity credit rate lock. The District can expect a 3% to 5% increase in premiums next year. The District should also check on whether any of its property lies within the flood plain. A renewal update can be expected around the first of October, 2011.

Chief's Report: (see attached)

Good of the Order: Chief Fuller reported that he had gotten a gift certificate for recently retired Board member Tony Strickland and his wife to dine at a local restaurant. Tony expressed his thanks to the Board for this.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: _____ September 8, 2011 at 6:30 PM
PAGE

PAGE 2